WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

Retail and Wholesale Fueling

Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). Below is a list of BMPs that may be applicable to your business. This list is not all-inclusive; refer to the WPO for further details. For more information call your inspector or the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

Required Permits, Reporting and Documentation

- □ Industrial sites fueling activities require Notice of Intent (NOI), SWPPP, and Monitoring records.
- Maintain records for employee training.
- Document any corrective actions including training and/or corrected disposal practices.
- □ Where applicable, ensure that the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and other related documents are kept up to date and that all elements are correct and adequately implemented.
- Obtain all required permits for operating your underground storage tanks and equipment.
- □ Report hazardous materials spills to the Hazardous Materials Division at (619) 338-2284.
- □ Immediately report any non-hazardous spills or leaks that reach the storm drain system by calling the Regional Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

Inspect Your Business

- Annually review operations and procedures that may affect the stormwater conveyance system and receiving waters. Verify waste streams and disposal rates to insure that maintenance for those areas is being conducted regularly. Maintain documentation of the annual review onsite and provide it to the County inspector upon request.
- □ Inspect grounds, trash enclosures and storage areas routinely for trash, debris, and spills that could or are impacting the stormwater conveyance system that require attention.
- □ Periodically inspect fueling areas and parking spaces to identify the accumulation of substances such as oil, fuel, grease or other contaminants.
- □ Capture all non-stormwater discharges for recycle, reuse, or proper disposal.
- □ When possible or if required, post signs identifying areas with the potential for trash, debris and/or pollutants to flow into stormwater conveyance or receiving waters.

Spills, Waste Cleanup and Disposal

- □ Cover down stream inlets. Contain and clean spills immediately after they occur to minimize the spread of pollutants.
- □ Routinely remove accumulations of oil, fuel, and grease using dry methods or appropriate best management practices during power washing.
- □ Keep spill clean up supplies easily accessible, but covered until needed. Maintain spill kits and replace used materials.
- Use dry methods such as sweeping, vacuuming, and absorbents to cleanup pollutants. Wash methods maybe utilized but only if adequate precautions are taken to prevent the discharge of wash water to the storm drain system. Contain all wash water on site for proper disposal.
- Sweep up litter and debris to keep trash storage areas clean and free of debris.
- Routinely remove accumulations of oil, fuel, and grease using dry methods or appropriate best management practices during power washing activities to collect excess water.







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Fueling Areas

- Conduct fueling under cover or in an area with controls to capture any release of fuel.
- □ Use drip pans to collect leaks from equipment and repair leaking equipment.

Grounds Maintenance

- □ Remove litter, debris, and organic matter (grass, leaves, soil, etc.) from paved and landscaped areas daily. Adjust sprinkler heads to avoid over-watering, erosion, and runoff.
- □ Protect disturbed slopes that are more than 3-feet in height, and steeper than 3:1 (run-to-rise) from erosion.
- □ Do not store materials which may contribute to stormwater pollutants on roofs. Periodically inspect, clean and maintain the rooftops of your building.
- Materials stored outside should be protected in a manner that prevents them from contacting stormwater.
- Direct roof downspouts away from work areas and toward landscaping whenever possible.

Solid Waste and Recycling Storage Areas

- □ Place trashcans with covers conveniently for customers to reduce littering and "fly away" litter.
- □ Keep trash dumpsters, grease bins and all other containers securely closed when not in use.
- Maintain trash dumpsters and recycling containers in good condition.
- □ Elevate and cover hazardous materials, stored outdoors.
- □ For more information on recycling contact the DPW Recycling Program at (858) 874-4081.

Training

- □ Train all operators, employees, and workers responsible for activities that could result in unauthorized discharges in specific BMPs appropriate to the activity.
- □ Training topics must include: preventive maintenance, good housekeeping, proper waste disposal, non-stormwater disposal alternatives, equipment maintenance and repair, spill response, recycling and BMP maintenance.
- □ Train employees to properly use spill clean up supplies and procedures.
- □ Provide corrective action training whenever a poor or illegal disposal practice is discovered.
- □ Keep training documentation on-site and available for review by inspector upon request.

The Watershed Protection Ordinance can be found at www.sdcdpw.org/WPO Additional BMP information may be found at www.projectcleanwater.org/bmp



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